

# Washington Community News

July 2023

City of Washington



## Mayor

Jaron Rosien ..... 653-6584

## Administrator

Deanna McCusker ..... 653-6584

## City Council

Bethany Glinsmann ..... First Ward  
Ivan Rangel ..... Second Ward  
Illa Earnest ..... Third Ward  
Fran Stigers ..... Fourth Ward  
Elaine Moore ..... At Large  
Millie Youngquist ..... At Large

## Council Meetings

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

6pm at 215 E. Washington St.  
(Except Holidays)

## Library Board of Trustees

Rick Hofer-President  
Harold Frakes, Mindy Graham,  
Margi Jarrard, Michael Kramme,  
Gary Murphy, Isabella Santoro

## Park & Recreation Board

Jane Blieu, Keely Brower,  
Erin Elgin, Charles Halverson,  
Vacancy

## Airport Commission

Kevin Erpelding-Chair  
Jim Almellen, Chris Canny,  
Samantha Meyer, Joe Nichols

## Zoning Commission

Deran DeLong-Chair,  
Merle Hagie, Susan Fisher,  
Tom Gaughan, Connie Larsen,  
Rhonda Shelman, Darrell Steele,  
Vacancy

## Board of Adjustment

Charla Howard-Chair  
Larry Bartlett, Mark Bradley,  
John Greener, Mardi Knerr,  
Jim Ziegrowsky, Vacancy

## Forestry Commission

Andy Dahl, Don Pfeiffer,  
Charles Halverson

## Historic Preservation

Bethany Glinsmann, Shelly Krotz,  
Evie Richardson, Fred Stark  
Vacancy

## Hotel/Motel Tax Committee

Millie Youngquist- Chair  
Illa Earnest, Diane Gallagher,  
Phil Minino, Isabella Santoro  
Clay Whisler, Vacancy

## Tree Beautification Committee

Marde McConnell-Chair  
Bob Bennett, Andy Dahl,  
Charles Halverson, Victoria Hansen,  
Jayson Keniston, John Marshall,  
Byron Singbeil, Kelly Soukup,  
Rick Wagenknecht, Aaron Wulf

## From the Desk of Mayor Pro Tem Millie Youngquist



Dear Citizens of Washington,

I hope this publication finds you enjoying your summer! Ridiculous Day and the Summer Classic -

what a wonderful way to kick off the season! If you haven't already, make sure to visit the Farmers' Market in downtown Washington on Thursday nights for some great produce, delicious food and wonderful music provided by area talent and our own Washington Municipal Band.

Our parks and pool are at their peak right now. Plan a picnic at Sunset Park and a visit to the pool. Check out the new David Collins

Pavilion at the Wellness Park on the north end of town. Named after former WEDG director, David Collins, this new park feature was funded by the efforts of the Washington Rotary Club. The City provided the site work as well as the labor for construction. It's a wonderful addition to our newest park.

Later this fall, a new playground will be installed at the Wellness Park, near the baseball fields. This large play structure will be handicapped accessible with an ADA compliant rubber surface. Funding for this project came from many sources: a competitive grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation, WCRF Municipal Grants, Hotel/Motel Committee, Washington Park Board, Washing-

ton Betterment Foundation, Washington YMCA and Horak Insurance as well as many local service groups: AM Kiwanis, Noon Kiwanis and Washington Rotary. Thanks for your incredible support!

Summer is a busy time to work on projects for the city. A big shout out to the city workers in all departments for the work they do every day to keep our city clean, safe and running smoothly. If you see a city worker, give them a smile, a wave and say, "thanks!"

Have a safe, healthy, happy, and fun summer! In closing, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have a question, concern, or idea at [myoungquist@washingtونيowa.gov](mailto:myoungquist@washingtونيowa.gov) or through City Hall at (319) 653-6584.

## Washington County – a Community Health Assessment WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

It is time to determine the top community wellness priorities for the next five years. From these priorities, as a community we will begin to develop work plans that define achievable and measurable outcomes. Take the survey so you can help us address health needs and concerns in our community. Scan the QR code or click on the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5FQGZGT>



## Water Service Line Inventory

The City of Washington is required by the EPA to develop an inventory of our service lines by October 16, 2024. Our inventory needs to include service line material for every address supplied by city water. There are a few ways to get this information to the City of Washington. There is an online survey available at [www.washingtونيowa.gov](http://www.washingtونيowa.gov) or property owners may call 319-653-2764 or email



the water meter, which is typically in the basement or utility closet, and follow the pipe going out of the meter.

us at [service-line@washingtونيowa.gov](mailto:service-line@washingtونيowa.gov).

If service line material is unknown, a photo of the line may be sent via text to 319-653-1531. To locate the service material, locate

## Read All Summer Long!

The Washington Public Library's summer reading program for all ages will extend through the end of July this year to keep readers busy all summer long. And readers with summer vacation plans don't need to visit the library to join in on the fun and prizes. (Though we'd still love to see you stop by when you can!)

This summer we are inviting readers of all ages to use the Beanstack app on their mobile device or computer to log reading and other activities on a Bingo card challenge. To sign up for Beanstack, visit the library's Beanstack page here: <https://washingtonfreeia.beanstack.org/reader365>. There are challenges available for preschool children, K-12 students and for adults. And families participating in the Library's 1000 Books before Kindergarten program can also track their progress on Beanstack. Parents can register once and then add each of their children to their Beanstack account and easily track each child's progress through the challenges.

Our goal is to watch readers complete 4,000 Bingo card activities during June and July—and you can track the community's progress by watching the bean stalk on the Library's front window grow! When we reach 4,000 stay tuned for plans for our Summer Reading Party in the Alley!

To keep both children and adults engaged with the library this summer, July will be a month of many programs. Here are some highlights:

Friday, July 7 @10:00 am, Central Park Stage: Musician and storyteller Mike Anderson will entertain you!

Tuesday, July 11 @1:00 pm, Central Park Stage: Musician Duke Otherwise is a playful wordsmith, a spirited performer, a skilled guitarist and captivating tap-dancer. He sings hilarious and imaginative songs that all ages will delight in together.

Thursday, July 13 @10:00 – noon: Chalk the Walk Town Square Edition: Bring the whole family and we'll fill the square with beautiful art!

Saturday, July 15 @10:00 am: Cold Blooded Redhead Reptile Show: see and hear about all things snakes and reptiles.

Tuesday, July 25 @10:00 am: The Little Fashionista of the Prairie with Laura Keyes: Hear about the clothing of the Laura Ingalls Wilder era and more.

Thursday, July 27 @10:00 – 11:30: Foam Zone! Absolute Science will be in Central Park with a Mega Foam Blaster to make sure we have BLAST!

Saturday, July 29 @10 am: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Interactive Movie.

See our event calendar for even more programs for all ages: <https://www.washington.lib.ia.us/events>.



### July:

July 7th - 8th: **Crawfordsville Fun Days** [crawfordsvillecommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:crawfordsvillecommunityclub@gmail.com)

July 8th: **Church Bazaar Fundraiser** at Washington First Assembly of God from 8am-4pm 319-591-1387

July 11th: **Purposefully You Alive After 5** with food, drinks and giveaways from 5-7pm. 319-653-3272

July 16th-21st: **Washington County Fair** 319-653-2552

July 30th: **Dairy After Dark** at Hilltop Dairy. 3:30-7pm. 319-461-8241

### August:

August 5th: **Latino Festival** food trucks, dancing, music & more from 11am-10pm 319-214-0502

August 9th: **Ribbon Cutting for WCHC Ken and Rosemary Hanson Specialty Clinic** from 4-4:45pm. 319-653-3272

August 17th: **Ribbon Cutting for WCHC Business Office North** from 3:30-4:30pm 319-653-3272

August 20th: **Paws & More Car Show** in Central Park from 8am-3pm 319-653-6713

### September:

September 9th: **34th Annual Washington Fall Craft Fair** with nearly 100 craft vendors, delicious food and more from 9am-3pm 319-591-0859

September 12th: **Halcyon House Alive After 5** with food drinks and socializing from 4-7pm 319-653-3272

September 16th: **Hospice of Washington County: 24th Annual 5K memorial Walk/Run Fundraiser** from 8am-5pm 319-65-5220

September 22nd: **Birdies, Beers, Brats Oktober Golf Tournament** 4-person best-shot with craft beer tastings and games at each hole starting at 9am 319-591-0859

September 28th: **Elliott Realty Alive After 5** with food drinks and socializing from 4-6pm 319-653-3272

September 28th: **Bored Teachers - We Can't Make This Stuff Up!** at Riverside Casino from 8-9:30pm 319-648-1234

September 29th: **LeAnn Rimes** at Riverside Casino 8-9:30pm 319-648-1234

### Ongoing:

**Farmers' Market:** Every Thursday now - October 12th from 5-7:30pm 651-707-3431

**Thursday Night Live: Every Thursday now - August 10th Live local bands in Central Park from 6-7pm 319-653-3272**

**Municipal Band:** Every Thursday now - August 10th from 8-9:30pm 319-653-3272

**Movies On Main:** July 7th & August 4th in Central Park from 8-9:30pm. 319-653-3918

**FREE Merchant Movie:** July - August with 2 showing times, 11am & 1:30pm at the State Theatre 319-653-4023

**Corn Country Cruisers:** July 8th & August 12th - Car show in Central Park from 4-9pm. 319-461-9146

**Southeast Iowa Venture Club:** July 18th, August 15th & September 19th - small business meeting to network from 4:30-6pm 319-461-1055

**Diva Golf Days at Blue Top Ridge:** July 12th & September 6th at the Riverside Casino from 7:30am-6:30pm. 319-648-0044

Check out our website for more information about our current community events, local restaurants, retailers, area trails & parks, and more! [www.washingtoniowa.gov](http://www.washingtoniowa.gov)



## Street Sweeping

The City sweeps the streets around the City square each week between the hours of 10 p.m. on Thursday and 6 a.m. on the following Friday. During this time, according to Ordinance 69.09, all night parking is prohibited on any street within the area of the public square and extending one block each way there from, said area bounded by the south line of Second Street, the west line of Jefferson Street, and the east line of Avenue B; but not including any portion of Second Street, Second Avenue, Jefferson Street and Avenue B.

City Maintenance also posts signs on the square stating when the street sweeping will occur around the square.

## Garbage and Recycling Schedules for the July 4th Holiday Week



Tuesday through Thursday garbage pickup schedules will be a day late on the week of the July 4th Holiday:

Monday 7/3 will not change.

Tuesday 7/4 will be Wednesday 7/5.

Wednesday 7/5 will be Thursday 7/6.

Thursday 7/6 will be Friday 7/7.



For your safety and the safety of our City Maintenance, Transportation, Utility and Construction workers; please slow down when driving through Work Zone Areas!



**Come join the fireworks display at the Washington County Fairgrounds Tuesday, July 4th at dusk.**

While consumer fireworks can be legally purchased in Washington, it is important to remember that per Washington City Ordinance, 41.14(3)(A): The use or explosion of consumer fireworks within the City is hereby prohibited.

Violation of this ordinance is punishable as a *simple misdemeanor with a fine of at least \$250 plus court costs.*



To report illegal use of fireworks, please call the non-emergency number 319-653-2107 with a description of the offender and the address. You will be asked to provide your contact information for reporting purposes and may be required to testify in court as a witness.





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or by phone

866-288-8536

**City Hall hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

### City Departments

Animal Control, Dylan Henkel .....	653-2638
Building & Zoning, Jeff Duwa .....	653-6584
City Administrator, Deanna McCusker .....	653-6584
Cemetery Sexton, Zach Wibstad .....	653-3927
City Attorney, Kevin Olson .....	653-6584
City Clerk, Sally Hart .....	653-6584
Code Enforcement, Anna Duwa .....	653-6584
Engineering, Keith Henkel .....	653-6584
Finance Director, Kelsey Brown .....	653-6584
Fire Chief, Brendan DeLong .....	653-2239
Emergency Calls .....	911
Non-Emergency .....	653-2239
Library Director, Cary Ann Siegfried .....	653-2726
Maintenance & Constr. Supt., JJ Bell .....	653-2947
Parks Supt., Nicholas Pacha .....	653-5220
Police Chief, James Lester .....	653-2256
Emergency Calls .....	911
Non-Emergency .....	653-2256
Waste Water Supt., Jason Whisler .....	653-2638
Water Plant Supt., Kyle Wellington .....	653-2764

### City Buildings

Cemetery Office .....	1101 S Ave E
Fire Station .....	215 E Washington St
Maintenance Building .....	515 E 6th St
Municipal Building .....	215 E Washington St
Parks Office .....	915 W Main St
Police Department .....	215 E Washington St
Public Library .....	115 W Washington St
Waste Water Trmt Pl .....	1065 W Buchanan St
Water Plant .....	522 N 4th Ave

**The new Bi-weekly  
garbage pick-up  
schedule is available  
at City Hall.**



### **Mowing Ordinances**

Per Ordinances 50.06 & 135.03, mowing grass onto the streets and sidewalks is prohibited. Moving grass and keeping leaves and debris away from the streets and sidewalks helps prevent storm sewer draining and traffic issues.

### **Vacancies on Board and Commissions**

The City of Washington is looking for interested residents to serve on various boards and commissions. Currently the City has the following vacancies:

- Planning and Zoning Commission five-year term (2 seats open)
- Parks and Recreation Board four-year term (1 seat open)
- Historic Preservation Commission three-year term (1 seat open)
- Board of Adjustment five-year term (1 seat open)
- Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Committee three-year term (1 seat open)

If you are interested in participating by serving in one of these positions, please email City Clerk Sally Hart at [sallyhart@washingtoniowa.gov](mailto:sallyhart@washingtoniowa.gov).

**The first City Council  
Meeting in July will be  
held Wednesday July 5,  
2023 at 6pm due to the  
July 4th Holiday.**

**The City Offices  
are closed  
Tuesday, July 4, 2023  
in observance of  
Independence Day!**

### **Grass and Weeds Ordinance 52.01 Weeds and Grass Control**

The maximum height of grass and/or weeds (such as jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistle, cocklebur or other plants of like kind) shall be eight inches in developed residential, commercial and industrial zoned districts, twelve inches in un-platted districts other than agricultural districts. The provisions of this chapter apply to all noxious weeds (as defined by The State of Iowa Department of Agriculture) and all grass, weeds, non-ornamental brush, vines, and other dense and rank growth upon public or private property.

The property owner and occupant are jointly and severally responsible for mowing the abutting space between the lot line and the curb line or edge of the traveled portion of the street right-of-way and one-half of any alley abutting the property.